

Remarks

Claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 15 and 17 are amended.

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Applicants note that claims 18-20 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment submitted with the transmittal papers.

Claims 2, 3 and 6 are amended to require that the ligand be present.

Claim 8 is amended to have proper punctuation.

Claims 15 and 17 are amended to have proper antecedent basis.

No new matter is added.

Restriction is required under 35 USC 121 and 372. Applicants are required to elect a single invention from the following Groups.

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a process for the preparation of a polymeric alkoxyamine.
- II. Claim 12, drawn to a polymer obtained by the process.
- III. Claim 13, drawn to a polymer with certain repetitive units.
- IV. Claim 14, drawn to specific compounds.
- V. Claims 15-17, drawn to stabilized compositions.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-11.

The Examiner is kindly requested to consider rejoining Group V with Group I, upon finding Group I allowable and if the claims of Group V contain all the limitations of the claims of Group I.

Applicants are also required to elect a specie from:

- 1) step a),
- 2) step b) or
- 3) step c), in the case if Applicants elect Group I.

Applicants hereby elect the specie step a).

The elected specie reads on all claims 1-11.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

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